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ABSTRACT

Based on surveys tallying statewide enrollment and dropout figures by grade, sex, ethnicity, school and district, of 83,832 students enrolled in 1977-78 in 147 schools in 86 districts, 9,059 students (9.75%) were dropouts; of 86,117 enrolled in 150 schools in 88 disricts in 1978-79, 8,069 students (8.56%) dropped out of school. For both years, grade 9 had the lowest dropout rate and grade 11 the highest. In 1977-78, 10.6% of males dropped out, as opposed to 8.8% of females; in 1978-79 the gap narrowed, with 9.2% for males and 7.9% for females. Pregnancy-caused dropouts increased slightly between the two years. Anglos had lowest dropout rates in both years (8.1% and 6.9%), while Native Americans had the highest (13.0% and 13.5%). Unlike Anglos or Hispanics, whose dropout rates peaked in grade 11 for both years, the rate for Native Americans peaked in grade 9 (1977-78) or 10 (1978-79). The Black dropout rate decreased substantially from 10.5% to 7.8%. Although districts with high minority enrollments often had high dropout rates, two such districts showed that this should not be assumed. Maximum dropout rates for districts increased between 1977-78 (17.3%) and 1978-79 (27.8%); number of districts with no dropouts increased from 3 to 4. (AW/MH)

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BACKGROUND

The first substantial study of New Mexico High School Student Dropouts was undertaken in 1976-77 by the Evaluation, Assessment and Testing Unit. Previous studies had collected data on pupil attendance but none had concentrated on dropouts. The State Board of Education and the Legislative School Study Committee were the moving forces behind initiating the first study. There continues to be a high level of interest in this study which is conducted on an annual basis.

DATA COLLECTION

The Evaluation, Assessment and Testing Unit mailed out a survey instrument to all schools containing a grade between 9 and 12 in May, 1978, and May, 1979, with a requested return date of June 30.

For the 1977-78 school year, 147 schools from 86 districts returned usable results. The next year, 1978-79, 88 districts returned usable data for 150 schools.

The instrument itself is illustrated in Appendix I. The "reasons for dropping out" are a modification of those used in 1976-77 study, hence, longitudinal comparisons should be made cautiously if at all. Since the same form was used for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 data collections, however, comparisons between those two years are valid. The instructions for completing the instrument are shown in Appendix II.

DROPOUT RATE

The dropout rate is computed as follows: the number of dropouts divided by the 180-day average daily membership plus dropouts.

$$\frac{\text{Number of Dropouts}}{\text{No. of ADM + No. of Dropouts}}$$

RESULTS

By Grade

Table I illustrates the dropout rate by grade. In both years, Grade 9 has the lowest dropout rate. The peak is at Grade 11 with a significant decline in Grade 12. The overall dropout rate declined considerably from 9.75 (1977-78) to 8.56 (1978-79).

By Sex

As shown in Table II, males lead females in leaving school. The gap seems to have narrowed in the two years under study, which is perhaps a function of the changing roles of women.

Pregnancies as a Cause of Dropouts

Because of the number of social agencies that have requested the number of pregnancies as a cause of dropout in the past, this is given in Table III. Pregnancy caused dropouts increased only very slightly between 1977-78 and 1978-79.

Please note that this does not include all pregnancies, or those who married, but only those who dropped out as a result of pregnancy. A study which counts all teenage pregnancies has been completed by Patricia Totkamachi, IPO Project, HSD, P.O. Box 968, the Crown Building, Santa Fe, NM 87503, and would be useful to anyone doing an in-depth study of pregnancies in New Mexico.

By Ethnic Group

The 1977-78 dropout data by ethnicity is shown in Table IV; the data for 1978-79 is given in Table V. Breakdowns are given both by grade and a total (Grades 9-12).

An inspection of "Total, Grades 9-12," indicates that the dropout rate has declined for Anglos, Hispanics and Blacks from 1977-78 to 1978-79. The Native American showed a slight increase, and the "Other" catagory increased tremendously from 15.1 to 46.7. Although the number in the "Other" catagory is quite small (438 and 538) such a dramatic increase needs to be carefully examined to determine the cause and counter measures developed to overcome the problem.

At all grade levels, for both years, the Anglos have fewer dropouts than expected (compare the percent of Total Dropouts to percent of Total ADM).

Except for Grade 12, 1978-79, Hispanics show a slightly larger proportion of dropouts than expected; however, for the "Total, Grades 9-12," there has been a decrease between 1977-78 and 1978-79.

Of the three major ethnic populations, the Native Americans have the highest dropout rate. Except for Grade 12, 1977-78, their dropouts are disproportionately high for their numbers. Unlike the Anglos or Hispanics whose dropout rate peaks in Grade 11, the Native Americans peak is earlier (Grade 9 in 1977-78 and Grade 10 in 1978-79).

The Black dropout rate decreased substantially between 1977-78 and 1978-79 from 10.5 to 7.8.

The remaining catagory, "Other" has perhaps the most perplexing trends. The number increased from 438 to 538, an increase of 22%. At the same time, dropouts increased 503%, and the dropout rate soared from 15.1 to 46.7. These dropouts are approximately 9 times greater than would be expected.

By School

During the 1977-78 school year, 7 schools had no dropouts; in 1978-79, eight schools had no dropouts.

The highest dropout rates were in alternative and night schools, which is to be expected. Excepting this class of schools, the highest dropout rate in 1977-78 was 21.7; in 1978-79, the highest dropout rate was 27.8.

By District

The number of districts with no dropouts increased from 3 (1977-78) to 4 (1978-79); they are all very small districts. In 1977-78, the highest dropout rate was 17.3. The following year, the highest rate was 27.8.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Males lead females both in the dropout rate and in absolute numbers; both gaps are narrowing.

2. Dropout peaks in the eleventh grade, except among Native Americans who peak earlier and "Others" who peak in the twelfth grade.

3. In 1977-78, Anglos had the lowest dropout rate (8.1) and again in 1978-79, with a rate of 6.9. The average dropout rate for the state declined although Native Americans increased slightly and "Others" increased greatly.

4. Although districts with high miniority enrollments often have the high dropout rates, Jemez Springs (3.6) and Penasco (2.2.) clearly show that is not a foregone conclusion.

TABLE I: DROPOUT RATE BY GRADE

GRADE	YEAR	
	1977-78	1978-79
9	7.39	6.18
10	10.63	8.93
11	11.84	10.34
12	9.23	8.98
TOTAL	9.75	8.56

TABLE II: DROPOUTS BY SEX

1977-78

SEX	180-DAY ADM	NUMBER DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
Male	42,193	5,019	10.6
Female	41,639	4,040	8.8

1978-79

SEX	180-DAY ADM	NUMBER DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
Male	43,538	4,396	9.2
Female	42,639	3,673	7.9

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TABLE III

PREGNANCIES AS A CAUSE OF DROPOUT

	1977-78		1978-79	
	NUMBER PREGNANCIES	NUMBER FEMALES	NUMBER PREGNANCIES	NUMBER FEMALES
ALAMOGORDO	1	**	10	1,225
ALBUQUERQUE	25	13,437	8	13,934
ANIMAS	0	78	0	79
ARTESIA	**	**	0	528
AZTEC	5	360	2	363
BELEN	1	607	2	620
BERNALILLO	2	425	2	**
BLOOMFIELD	3	347	0	391
CAPITAN	No Data	No Data	0	55
CARLSBAD	7	983	7	951
CARRIZOZO	No Data	No Data	1	52
CENTRAL	7	678	6	713
CHAMA	2	143	2	144
CIMARRON	3	45	1	52
CLAYTON	2	160	0	171
CLOUDCROFT	1	49	0	45
CLOVIS	4	1,222	3	1,244
COBRE	3	373	0	316
CORONA	0	**	0	19
CUBA	6	211	1	200
DEMING	2	456	1	494
DES MOINES	0	29	1	24
DEXTER	2	107	0	99
DORA	0	38	0	36
DULCE	4	94	1	93
ELIDA	0	26	0	24
ENCINO	0	24	0	19
ESPANOLA	4	810	15	820
ESTANCIA	2	**	3	91
EUNICE	2	100	2	94
FARMINGTON	4	1,092	1	1,076
FLOYD	0	30	0	30
FORT SUMNER	0	95	1	92
GADSDEN	0	678	0	763
GALLUP	47	1,813	20	1,868
GRADY	0	23	0	20
GRANTS	5	930	6	958
HAGERMAN	0	50	0	53
HATCH VALLEY	1	133	0	127
HOBBS	1	1,013	12	1,082
HONDO VALLEY	0	49	0	36
HOUSE	0	17	0	13
JAL	0	109	3	109
JEMEZ MOUNTAIN	2	75	3	68

**INCOMPLETE DATA

TABLE III: CONTINUED

	1977-78		1978-79	
	NUMBER PREGNANCIES	NUMBER FEMALES	NUMBER PREGNANCIES	NUMBER FEMALES
JEMEZ SPRINGS	3	98	4	111
LAKE ARTHUR	0	30	0	27
LAS CRUCES	3	2,515	23	2,354
LAS VEGAS CITY	1	358	2	391
LAS VEGAS WEST	0	494	4	489
LOGAN	0	29	0	32
LORDSBURG	0	143	0	156
LOS ALAMOS	1	867	3	866
LOS LUNAS	2	556	3	540
LOVING	0	23	0	23
LOVINGTON	3	354	2	334
MAGDALENA	0	106	0	84
MAXWELL	0	31	1	32
MELROSE	0	54	0	56
MORA	1	150	0	154
MORIARTY	0	152	0	158
MOSQUERO	0	29	0	26
MOUNTAINAIR	0	59	0	55
OJO CALIENTE	0	52	0	78
PECOS	0	136	1	127
PENASCO	1	126	0	158
POJOAQUE	2	223	0	202
PORTALES	1	386	1	381
QUEMADO	0	34	2	30
QUESTA	0	140	0	149
RATON	2	301	5	300
RESERVE	2	63	0	54
ROSWELL	10	1,570	8	1,302
ROY	1	44	0	35
RUIDOSO	0	196	0	213
SAN JON	0	29	0	23
SANTA FE	4	1,779	23	1,758
SANTA ROSA	4	154	3	184
SILVER CITY	2	539	3	562
SOCORRO	1	261	0	273
SPRINGER	2	66	0	68
TAOS	1	579	0	548
TATUM	0	76	0	58
TEXICO	1	69	1	73
T or C	4	214	5	198
TUCUMCARI	8	311	6	302
TULAROSA	1	233	0	209
VAUGHN	1	39	1	33
WAGON MOUND	0	41	0	41
TOTAL	210	40,618	215	42,336

THESE TOTALS VARY SOMEWHAT FROM THE TOTALS GIVEN IN "DROPOUTS BY SEX" BECAUSE DISTRICTS WITH INCOMPLETE DATA WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TABLE.

TABLE IV: 1977-78 DROPOUTS BY ETHNIC GROUP

GRADE 9

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	11,132	10,004	1,933	569	108	23,746
Number of Dropouts	614	906	330	29	17	1,896
Dropout Rate	5.2	8.3	14.6	4.8	13.6	7.39
Percent of Total Dropouts	32.4	47.8	17.4	1.5	0.9	
Percent of Total ADM	46.9	42.1	8.1	2.4	0.4	

GRADE 10

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	11,013	9,280	1,727	454	137	22,611
Number of Dropouts	1,036	1,287	286	66	17	2,692
Dropout Rate	8.6	12.2	14.2	12.7	11.0	10.63
Percent of Total Dropouts	38.5	47.8	10.6	2.5	0.6	
Percent of Total ADM	48.7	41.0	7.6	2.0	0.6	

GRADE 11

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	10,216	8,220	1,314	372	91	20,213
Number of Dropouts	1,184	1,254	193	59	25	2,715
Dropout Rate	10.4	13.2	12.8	13.7	21.6	11.84
Percent of Total Dropouts	43.6	46.2	7.1	2.2	0.9	
Percent of Total ADM	50.5	40.7	6.5	1.8	0.4	

GRADE 12

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	8,938	6,763	1,156	303	102	17,262
Number of Dropouts	801	784	106	46	19	1,756
Dropout Rate	8.2	10.4	8.4	13.2	15.7	9.23
Percent of Total Dropouts	45.6	44.6	6.0	2.6	1.1	
Percent of Total ADM	51.8	39.2	6.7	1.8	0.6	

TOTAL, GRADES 9-12

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	41,299	34,267	6,130	1,698	438	83,832
Number of Dropouts	3,635	4,231	915	200	78	9,059
Dropout Rate	8.1	11.0	13.0	10.5	15.1	9.75
Percent of Total Dropouts	40.1	46.7	10.1	2.2	0.9	
Percent of Total ADM	49.3	40.9	7.3	2.0	0.5	

DATA DOES NOT INCLUDE ALAMOGORDO SENIOR HIGH, CAPITAN, AND CARRIZOZO.

TABLE V: 1978-79 DROPOUTS BY ETHNIC GROUP

GRADE 9

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	10,688	10,223	2,050	469	168	23,590
Number of Dropouts	484	692	310	32	37	1,555
Dropout Rate	4.3	6.3	13.1	6.4	18.0	6.18
Number of Total Dropouts	31.1	44.5	19.9	2.0	2.4	
Number of Total ADM	45.3	43.3	8.7	2.0	0.7	

GRADE 10

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	10,753	9,534	1,770	457	109	22,623
Number of Dropouts	800	952	327	36	106	2,221
Dropout Rate	6.8	9.1	15.6	7.3	49.3	8.93
Number of Total Dropouts	36.0	42.9	14.7	1.6	4.8	
Number of Total ADM	47.5	42.1	7.8	2.0	0.5	

GRADE 11

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	10,151	8,665	1,441	379	146	20,772
Number of Dropouts	989	1,006	234	49	120	2,398
Dropout Rate	8.9	10.4	14.0	11.4	45.1	10.34
Number of Total Dropouts	41.2	41.9	9.7	2.0	5.0	
Number of Total ADM	48.9	41.7	6.9	1.8	0.7	

GRADE 12

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	9,838	7,706	1,185	340	115	19,184
Number of Dropouts	820	711	133	23	208	1,895
Dropout Rate	7.7	8.4	10.1	6.3	64.4	8.98
Number of Total Dropouts	43.3	37.5	7.0	1.2	11.0	
Number of Total ADM	51.3	40.2	6.2	1.8	0.6	

TOTAL, GRADES 9-12

	ANGLO	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	BLACK	OTHER	TOTAL
180-Day ADM	41,430	36,118	6,446	1,645	538	86,177
Number of Dropouts	3,093	3,361	1,004	140	471	8,069
Dropout Rate	6.9	8.5	13.5	7.8	46.7	8.56
Number of Total Dropouts	38.3	41.6	12.4	1.7	5.8	
Number of Total ADM	48.1	41.9	7.5	1.9	0.6	

TABLE VI: DROPOUTS BY SCHOOL

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
ALAMEDA Jr.	11	328	3.2	11	304	3.5
ALAMOGORDO MID	71	1,300	5.2	52	1,313	3.8
ALAMOGORDO SR.	160	NO DATA	NO DATA	121	1,043	10.4
ALBUQUERQUE HIGH	353	2,148	14.1	280	2,107	11.7
ALBUQUERQUE EVENING	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	182	940	16.2
AMISTAD	2	38	5.0	1	31	3.1
ANIMAS	3	166	1.8	4	160	2.4
ARTESIA	135	990	12.0	86	739	10.4
AZTEC	68	562	10.8	81	600	11.9
BELEN SR.	114	1,220	8.5	81	901	8.2
BELEN JR.	(Included with Belen Senior High)			9	369	2.4
BERNALILLO	58	634	8.4	39	639	5.8
BERNALILLO JR.	12	169	6.6	4	167	2.3
BLOOMFIELD	143	710	16.8	116	772	13.1
CAPITAN	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	3	115	2.5
CARLSBAD	126	969	11.5	104	915	10.2
CARLSBAD MID	125	1,042	10.7	87	1,058	7.6
CARRIZOZO	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	9	117	7.1
CENTRAL JR. (Lov.)	0	118	0.0	3	109	2.7
CENTRAL JR. (Cen.)	20	161	11.0	6	150	3.8
CENTRAL	43	342	11.1	98	385	20.3
CIBOLA	174	1,849	8.6	169	1,982	8.5
CIMARRON	5	130	3.7	9	118	7.1
CLAYTON	19	286	6.2	17	299	5.4
CLEVELAND	5	383	1.3			
CLIFF	6	86	6.5	3	88	3.3
CLOUDCROFT	12	121	9.0	5	122	3.9
CLOVIS	192	1,655	10.4	166	1,691	8.9
CLOVIS EVENING	93	42	68.9	58	58	50.0
COBRE	18	323	5.3	37	473	7.2
CORONA	0	60	0.0	1	44	2.2
CORONADO	10	149	6.3	18	136	11.7
COURT JR.	18	327	5.2	30	260	10.3
CROWNPOINT	102	367	21.7	59	330	15.2
CUBA	76	364	17.3	67	363	15.6
CUMBRES JR.	0	201	0.0	0	217	0.0
DEL NORTE	154	2,002	7.1	178	2,690	6.2
DEMING	147	988	13.0	125	1,029	10.8
DES MOINES	4	62	6.1	0	55	0.0
DEXTER	22	204	9.7	14	206	6.4
DORA	3	74	3.9	1	79	1.3
DULCE	12	206	5.5	10	185	5.1
ELDORADO	391	2,877	12.0	91	3,175	2.8

TABLE VI: CONTINUED

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
ELIDA	0	52	0.0	0	50	0.0
ENCINO	1	42	2.3	1	30	3.2
ESCALANTE	11	275	3.8	14	276	4.8
ESPANOLA	65	1,130	5.4	116	1,110	9.5
ESPANOLA JR.	22	366	5.7	10	363	2.7
ESTANCIA	18	219	7.6	16	188	7.8
EUNICE	25	212	10.5	17	205	7.6
FARMINGTON	109	1,588	6.4	194	1,586	10.9
FLOYD	5	71	6.6	3	73	3.9
FORT SUMNER	12	194	5.8	9	184	4.7
FREEDOM	43	183	19.0	34	171	16.6
GADSDEN	125	1,418	8.1	114	1,594	6.7
GALLUP	233	1,691	12.1	383	1,929	16.6
GATTIS JR.	6	267	2.2	5	257	1.9
GODDARD	98	1,398	6.5	137	1,362	9.1
GRADY	2	59	3.3	0	57	0.0
GRANTS	151	1,497	9.2	138	1,487	8.5
HAGERMAN	11	110	9.1	3	116	2.5
HATCH	22	282	7.2	7	278	2.5
HEIGHTS JR.	8	227	3.4	18	167	9.7
HEIZER JR.	7	164	4.1	3	175	1.7
HERMOSA JR.	5	215	2.3	3	199	1.5
HIGHLAND	222	2,944	7.0	209	2,923	6.7
HIGHLAND JR. (HOBBS)	2	194	1.0	1	186	0.5
HOBBS	333	1,471	18.5	150	1,485	9.2
HONDO VALLEY	6	88	6.4	6	77	7.2
HOT SPRINGS	44	443	9.0	45	414	9.8
HOUSE	0	34	0.0	1	29	3.3
HOUSTON JR.	3	282	1.0	1	247	4.0
JAL	11	235	4.5	12	210	5.4
JEMEZ VALLEY	9	199	4.3	9	241	3.6
J.F.KENNEDY	5	142	3.4	2	148	1.3
KOOGLER JR.	9	204	4.2	11	181	5.7
LA PLATA JR.	4	282	1.4	5	264	1.8
LAGUNA-ACOMA	55	326	14.4	50	381	11.6
LAKE ARTHUR	8	61	11.6	10	62	13.9
LAS CRUCES	180	1,834	8.9	207	1,801	10.3
LOGAN	2	76	2.6	5	73	6.4
LORDSBURG	21	336	5.9	30	331	8.3
LOS ALAMOS	70	1,336	5.0	15	1,364	1.1
LOS LUNAS	78	1,114	6.5	95	1,098	8.0
LOVING JR.	1	37	2.6	1	40	2.4
LOVINGTON	107	511	17.3	62	521	10.6

TABLE VI: CONTINUED

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
LYNN JR.	3	317	0.9	9	349	2.5
MAGDALENA	13	194	6.3	29	147	16.5
MANZANO	280	2,956	8.6	158	3,006	5.0
MARSHALL JR.	9	224	3.9	13	210	5.8
MAXWELL	3	56	5.1	12	53	18.5
MAYFIELD	227	1,809	11.1	284	1,675	14.7
MAYFIELD NIGHT	206	95	68.4	138	39	78.0
MCKINLEY JR.	15	216	6.5			
MELROSE	3	118	2.5	0	100	0.0
MESA VISTA	12	117	9.3	17	156	9.8
MORA	8	321	2.4	21	313	6.3
MORIARTY	33	301	9.9	30	344	8.0
MOSQUERO	3	53	5.1	15	39	27.8
MOUNTAINAIR	9	142	6.0	10	131	7.1
NAVAJO JR.	8	46	14.6	18	53	25.3
PARK JR.	(Included with Artesia High School)			5	301	1.6
PECOS	9	280	3.1	17	269	5.9
PENASCO	10	258	3.7	7	313	2.2
POJOAQUE	30	428	6.5	8	387	2.0
PORTALES	130	748	14.8	55	774	6.6
PUEBLO JR.	0	228	0.0	0	191	0.0
QUEMADO	6	76	7.3	10	65	13.3
QUESTA	16	284	5.3	18	305	5.6
RATON	64	441	12.7	40	435	8.4
RATON JR.	2	168	1.2	5	185	2.6
RESERVE	7	122	5.4	5	110	4.3
RIO GRANDE	505	3,103	14.0	327	3,007	9.8
ROBERTSON	57	702	7.5	71	718	9.0
ROSWELL	116	1,605	6.7	165	1,403	10.5
ROY	1	68	1.4	3	66	4.3
RUIDOSO	51	398	11.3	36	427	7.8
SAN JON	3	55	5.2	1	53	1.9
SANDIA	47	3,392	1.4	177	3,257	5.2
SANTA FE ALTERNATIVE	51	173	22.8	151	173	46.6
SANTA FE	477	2,649	15.3	308	2,609	10.5
SANTA FE VO-TECH	70	560	11.1	130	569	18.6
SANTA ROSA	32	357	8.2	18	368	4.7
SANTO DOMINGO	5	56	8.2	2	54	3.6
SHIPROCK	44	592	6.9	126	633	16.6
SILVER CITY	81	710	10.2	60	772	7.2
SNELL JR.	40	432	8.5	3	174	1.7
SOCORRO	82	579	12.4	61	561	9.8

TABLE VI: CONTINUED

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
SPRINGER	8	165	4.6	4	162	2.4
TAOS	33	817	3.9	28	796	3.4
TAOS JR.	5	308	1.6	3	300	1.6
TATUM	4	147	2.6	6	125	4.6
TAYLOR JR.	0	120	0.0	5	93	5.1
TEXICO	9	147	5.8	18	145	11.0
THOREAU	57	390	12.8	56	319	14.9
TIBBETTS JR.	7	187	3.6	10	181	5.2
TOHATCHI	50	489	9.3	56	487	10.3
TSE BIT AI JR.	29	241	10.7	26	213	10.9
TUCUMCARI	89	632	12.3	132	607	17.9
TULAROSA	83	487	14.6	64	427	13.0
VALLEY	480	2,287	17.3	276	2,400	10.3
VALLEY JR.	1	52	1.9	0	39	0.0
VAUGHN	10	70	12.5	5	58	7.9
WAGON MOUND	2	83	2.4	2	82	2.4
WEED	1	41	2.4	3	35	7.9
WEST LAS VEGAS	44	693	6.0	41	700	5.5
WEST LAS VEGAS JR.	10	230	4.2	11	220	4.8
WEST MESA	243	2,295	9.6	96	2,339	3.9
WHITE SANDS JR.	0	36	0.0	0	38	0.0
YUCCA JR.	2	262	0.8	11	313	3.4
ZIA JR.	1	308	0.3	4	324	1.2
ZUNI	67	454	12.8	57	500	10.2

TABLE VII: DROPOUTS BY DISTRICT

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
ALAMOGORDO	232	1,341*		176	2,391	6.8
ALBUQUERQUE	2,912	26,635	9.8	2,177	28,018	7.2
ANIMAS	3	166	1.8	4	160	2.4
ARTESIA	135	990	12.0	91	1,040	8.0
AZTEC	77	766	9.1	92	781	10.5
BELEN	114	1,220	8.5	90	1,261	6.7
BERNALILLO	75	859	8.0	45	860	5.0
BLOOMFIELD	143	710	16.8	116	772	13.1
CAPITAN	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	3	115	2.5
CARLSBAD	251	2,011	11.1	191	1,973	8.8
CARRIZOZO	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	9	117	7.1
CENTRAL	136	1,336	9.2	256	1,381	15.6
CHAMA	11	275	3.8	14	276	4.8
CIMARRON	5	130	3.7	9	118	7.1
CLAYTON	21	324	6.1	18	330	5.2
CLOUDCROFT	12	121	9.0	5	122	3.9
CLOVIS	302	2,450	11.0	253	2,529	9.1
COBRE	58	755	7.1	40	647	5.8
CORONA	0	60	0.0	1	44	2.2
CUBA	76	364	17.3	67	363	15.6
DEMING	147	988	13.0	125	1,029	10.8
DES MOINES	4	62	6.1	0	55	0.0
DEXTER	22	204	9.7	14	206	6.4
DORA	3	74	3.9	1	79	1.2
DULCE	12	206	5.5	10	185	5.1
ELIDA	0	52	0.0	0	50	0.0
ENCINO	1	42	2.3	1	30	3.2
ESPANOLA	92	1,638	5.3	128	1,621	7.3
ESTANCIA	18	219	7.6	16	188	7.8
EUNICE	25	212	10.5	17	205	7.6
FARMINGTON	129	2,217	5.5	225	2,133	9.5
FLOYD	5	71	6.6	3	73	3.9
FORT SUMNER	12	194	5.8	9	184	4.7
GADSDEN	125	1,418	8.1	114	1,594	6.7
GALLUP	517	3,437	13.1	629	3,618	14.8
GRADY	2	59	3.3	0	57	0.0
GRANTS	206	1,823	10.1	188	1,868	9.1
HAGERMAN	11	110	9.1	3	115	2.5
HATCH VALLEY	22	282	7.2	7	278	2.4
HOBBS	345	2,111	14.0	155	2,093	6.9
HONDO VALLEY	6	88	6.4	6	77	8.2
HOUSE	0	34	0.0	1	29	3.3
JAL	11	235	4.5	12	210	5.4

*INCOMPLETE DATA

TABLE VII: CONTINUED

	1977-78			1978-79		
	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE	NUMBER DROPOUTS	180 DAY ADM	DROPOUT RATE
JEMEZ MOUNTAIN	10	149	6.3	18	136	11.7
JEMEZ SPRINGS	9	199	4.3	9	241	3.6
LAKE ARTHUR	8	61	11.6	10	62	13.9
LAS CRUCES	646	5,054	11.3	688	4,790	12.5
LAS VEGAS CITY	57	702	7.5	71	718	9.0
LAS VEGAS WEST	55	975	5.3	52	959	5.1
LOGAN	2	76	2.6	5	73	6.4
LORDSBURG	21	336	5.9	30	331	8.3
LOS ALAMOS	70	1,765	3.8	15	1,772	0.8
LOS LUNAS	78	1,114	6.5	95	1,098	8.0
LOVING	1	37	2.6	1	40	2.4
LOVINGTON	107	749	12.5	70	723	8.8
MAGDELENA	13	194	6.3	29	147	16.5
MAXWELL	3	56	5.1	12	53	18.5
MELROSE	3	118	2.5	0	100	0.0
MORA	8	321	2.4	21	313	6.3
MORIARTY	33	301	9.9	30	344	8.0
MOSQUERO	3	53	5.3	16	39	27.8
MOUNTAINAIR	9	142	6.0	10	131	7.1
OJO CALIENTE	12	117	9.3	17	156	9.8
PECOS	9	280	3.1	17	269	5.9
PENASCO	10	258	3.7	7	313	2.2
POJOAQUE	30	428	6.5	8	387	2.7
PORTALES	130	748	14.8	55	774	6.6
QUEMADO	6	76	7.3	10	65	13.3
QUESTA	16	284	5.3	18	305	5.6
RATON	66	609	9.8	45	620	6.8
RESERVE	7	122	5.4	5	110	4.3
ROSWELL	214	3,003	6.6	302	2,765	9.8
ROY	1	68	1.4	3	66	4.3
RUIDOSO	51	398	11.3	36	427	7.8
SAN JON	3	55	5.2	1	53	1.9
SANTA FE	598	3,382	15.0	589	3,351	14.9
SANTA ROSA	32	357	8.2	18	368	4.7
SILVER CITY	91	1,078	7.8	68	1,124	5.7
SOCORRO	82	579	12.4	61	561	9.8
SPRINGER	8	165	4.6	4	162	2.4
TAOS	38	1,125	3.3	31	1,096	2.8
TATUM	4	147	2.6	6	125	4.6
TEXICO	9	147	5.8	18	145	11.0
T or C	44	443	9.0	45	414	9.8
TUCUMCARI	89	632	12.3	132	607	17.9
TULAROSA	83	487	14.6	64	427	13.0
VAUGHN	10	70	12.5	5	58	7.9
WAGON MOUND	2	83	2.3	2	82	2.4

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State Department of Education
Santa Fe, NM

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL CODE _____

ENTER EACH DROPOUT IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY

ENTER TOTAL ENROLLMENT ON BOTTOM LINE

GRADE	9TH GRADE										10TH GRADE									
SEX	MALE					FEMALE					MALE					FEMALE				
ETHNICITY	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH
REASONS FOR DROPPING OUT																				
School Related:																				
LACK OF INTEREST																				
POOR ACHIEVEMENT																				
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ENTER EACH DROPOUT IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY

ENTER TOTAL ENROLLMENT ON BOTTOM LINE

GRADE	11TH GRADE										12TH GRADE									
SEX	MALE					FEMALE					MALE					FEMALE				
ETHNICITY	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH	ANG	SP	NA	BLK	OTH
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DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE NEW MEXICO DROPOUT STUDY, 1978-79

1. Enter the School Name and the School Code number in the upper right hand corner of <u>each</u> form.

2. Ethnicity designations are as follows and should not be confused with statements of citizenship:

ANG=Anglo	-any group or individual of European heritage other than Spanish. This includes British, Irish, Scandanavian, Germanic, French, Italian, Slavic, etc. groups.
SP=Spanish	-any group or individual of Hispanic heritage. This includes South American, Central American, Spanish, Puerto Rican groups.
NA=Native American	-any group or individual of American Indian heritage. This includes Navajo, Apache or one of the Pueblo groups. This does not mean just any individuals whose families have been citizens of the United States for more than one generation.
BLK=Black	-any group or individual of Negroid heritage.
OTH=All Others	-This includes Oriental, North African, East Indian, Arab, etc. designations.

3. <u>Reasons for Dropping Out</u>: This set of possibilities is divided into two categories. First, reasons which can be directly attributable to the school environment are provided. Two items, "Expelled" and "Suspended, Did Not Return," are followed by asterisks. These asterisks are a reminder to provide additional information on the back of the form for any students listed. Possible reasons for expulsion or suspension might be:

    1. Violation of Attendance Policies
    2. Violation of Discipline Policies
    3. Violation of Dress Code

    As mentioned in the introductory letter, if you cannot contact the student for his own explanation, please infer as best you can or list as "Unknown." Please total the number of entries under this category.

    The second category, "Home or Other Related," consists of reasons over which the school has limited control. Again, if a student was not nor cannot be contacted for his own explanation, please infer as best you can or list as "Unknown." Please total the number of entries in this category separately from the first category.

The "Other/Unknown" line is for reasons which are not covered in the above categories or for those students for which no reason could be determined. Please provide the reasons which could not be categorized on the back of the form. Items which should NOT be listed include:

1. Transfer to another school
2. Transfer to a vocational training program such as Job Corps or WIN
3. Graduation
4. Death of Student

4. Total Dropouts - Enter the sum of the two subtotals and "Other/Unknown" category from above.

5. Total Enrollment ADM - Enter the school ADM from the school's 180 day ADM report.